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\$TAT	FROM BLAKE
	1. WHILE I AM SYMPATHETIC TO YOUR REQUEST TO REVIEW
STAT	DECISION TO ALLOW MRTO REMAIN ON CONTRACT STATUS
	AFTER RETIREMENT XX FROM STAFF STATUS, FEEL OUR ORIGINAL
	POSITION REMAINS CORRECT.
	2. PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTY IS BELIEVE IT BAD POLICY TO
	REPLACE FULL TIME STAFF WITH A FULL TIME CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT
	BY SAME INDIVIDUAL. SUCH POLICY NOT SOUND, COULD SUBJECT US
	TO CRITICISM, AND IN ABSENCE OF OVERWHELMING OPERATIONAL
	JUSTIFICATION, CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE APPROVE SAME.
STAT	3. WE AND DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE AST
	ARRIVAL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN JANUARY.

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